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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE: CONCEPT PAPER FOR UNSC SUMMIT ON
NONPROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT

¶1. (U) This is an action request. USUN is authorized to share the nonpaper in para 2 with Security Council members, as appropriate. A copy of the nonpaper has been transmitted to USUN via email.

¶2. (SBU) Begin nonpaper:

UN Security Council Summit on Nuclear Nonproliferation and
Nuclear Disarmament
Concept Paper

Preventing the spread and use of nuclear weapons is fundamental to the security of nations and to the peace of the world. As President Obama noted earlier this year, "One nuclear weapon exploded in one city -- be it New York or Moscow, Islamabad or Mumbai, Tokyo or Tel Aviv, Paris or Prague -- could kill hundreds of thousands of people. And no matter where it happens, there is no end to what the consequences might be -- for our global safety, our security, our society, our economy, to our ultimate survival." With the recent G8 statement in L'Aquila on Non-Proliferation, the upcoming Nuclear Security Summit in March 2010 and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference to follow, there is an opportunity for important global attention and focus on this critical security issue.

On September 24th, the United States will convene the Security Council at the level of heads of state and government to discuss nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear disarmament. This Security Council Summit will be chaired by President Obama and is intended to draw attention at the highest levels of government to the nuclear dangers confronting the international community and the urgency of taking concrete steps to address them.

The Security Council Summit will focus on nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear disarmament broadly and not focus on any specific countries. The goals will be to underscore the global reach of proliferation threats; the broadly shared obligation to respond; the positive steps taken to reduce nuclear dangers; and the essential role of the Security Council in addressing growing and pressing nuclear threats.

Three key and related nuclear threat reduction topics will be discussed: arms control and nuclear disarmament, strengthening the international nuclear nonproliferation regime, and denying and disrupting illicit trafficking in materials of proliferation concern and securing such materials wherever they might be located.

Specifically, the Summit can highlight and bolster international support for multilateral nuclear arms control treaties and ongoing nuclear disarmament efforts, including a reaffirmation of the commitment to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and to work toward a world without nuclear weapons.

The Summit is also intended to be an opportunity to build

support for Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty negotiations, the International Atomic Energy Agency Additional Protocol, ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, and strategic arms control, including new START negotiations.

With a goal of strengthening the existing international nuclear nonproliferation regime, the Summit can facilitate support for technical assistance and access to peaceful uses of nuclear energy, multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle, and efforts to improve and ensure compliance with nonproliferation and safeguards obligations and to prevent abuse of the NPT withdrawal provision.

The Summit is an opportunity to explore means to enhance States' abilities to counter proliferation financing and eliminate procurement networks. Furthermore, the Summit can reinforce implementation of UNSCR 1540, including through continued funding to assist states in implementing the resolution's key provisions.

Finally, the Summit is intended to underscore the importance of an accelerated effort to secure nuclear weapons materials around the world and to build support for establishing and sharing best practices for nuclear security.

All of these elements are part of a comprehensive approach to reducing global nuclear dangers and risks posed by terrorist acquisition of nuclear weapons or materials. The threats are urgent and real, and the role of the Security Council in addressing these dangers is unique and indispensable. The Summit meeting will help bring renewed international attention and determination to address these issues.

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